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Spring Hill Church, HALIFAX Co., VA., }
Saturday, June 17th, 1854. }

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon by Rev. Thomas U. Faucette, the Moderator, from Jeremiah 8th chapter, 22nd verse. Constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. E. Mitchell, D.D., Thomas Lynch, A. Wilson, D.D., James Phillips, D.D., Wm. N. Mebane, S. A. Stanfield, John S. Grasty, F. N. Whaley and Thomas U. Faucette, Ministers.

With Messrs. R. I. Smith, S. W. Hughes, Dr. Robert H. Scales, E. Cuthbert, S. L. Venable, J. H. Lindsay, W. Baird, Samuel Watkins, S. D. Booker, R. V. Watkins, Charles Phillips and Wm. B. Carter, Ruling Elders.

Absent, Rev. William D. Paisley, J. H. Pickard, E. W. Caruthers, Jesse Rankin, Robert Burwell, G. W. Ferrill, Thomas R. Owen, D. Lacy, D.D., J. Doll, E. C. Bittinger, A. G. Hughes, Archibald Currie, C. K. Caldwell, James N. Lewis, James Stratton, N. Z. Graves and James H. McNeill.

Rev. John S. Grasty was chosen Moderator and Rev. Thomas U. Faucette and Mr. Charles Phillips, Temporary Clerks.

Rev. S. A. Stanfield was chosen Stated Clerk, pro tem., and the minutes of the last Session of Presbytery were read.

Letters of excuse were received from Rev. J. Doll and Rev. Archibald Currie for absence from the present Session of Presbytery.

The ministers not present at the last Session of Presbytery also gave in excuses for their absence.

Rev. W. Baird, from the Charleston Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

Rev. T. G. Wall, from Winchester Presbytery, presented a record of his dismmission from that Presbytery to join this. There being some informality in the papers that he presented, the Rev E. Mitchell,

D. D., and Rev. A. Wilson, D. D., with Mr. Wm. B. Carter were appointed a Committee to examine and report on the said papers.

The Treasurer presented a verbal report, and the Rev. James Phillips, D. D., and Mr. Samuel Watkins were appointed a Committee to examine his book and accounts.

The Treasurer was directed to present to Presbytery a list of the Churches delinquent to the Commissioners fund, to the Contingent fund of Presbytery and to the Contingent fund of the General Assembly.

Rev. S. A. Stanfield and Rev. A. Wilson, D. D., with Messrs. R. I. Smith and J. H. Lindsay were appointed a Committee to examine and report on the assessments now laid on the Churches.

A call from the Church of Milton for the pastoral services of Rev. William P. Wharton, was read in Presbytery and being found in order, was put into Mr. Wharton's hands.

The Church at Newbern presented a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. T. G. Wall.

Rev. Messrs. Mebane and Whaley with Mr. Carter were appointed a Committee to examine the Sessional records of the Churches on the first half of the roll.

Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Lynch with Mr. Samuel Watkins were appointed a Committee to examine the Sessional records of the Churches on the second half of the roll.

Rev. William N. Mebane reported that he had declared the Church of Danville vacant.

The report of the Committee of Domestic Missions was made the order of the day for Monday, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The ministers, appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to supply destitute Churches and Missionary fields, made reports on the duties assigned them.

The nominations for supplies made by the Committee of Domestic Missions were amended, adopted, and are as follows:

The Committee of Domestic Missions nominate the following list of supplies with the recommendation that they labor two or three days at each of these places respectively, including a Sabbath, and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, if convenient, viz:

Pittsboro', J. Phillips, D.D., (2 Sabs.) and Rev. Dr. Mitchell.
Lexington, John M. Sherwood.
Snow Creek, Speedwell and Gum Grove, J. Doll.
Graham, A. G. Hughes.

Gilead, Wm. P. Wharton.
Murfreesborough, T. R. Owen.
Mount Airy, C. K. Caldwell and E. W. Caruthers.
Union, J. W. Montgomery and William N. Mebane.
Williamston and Plymouth, N. Z. Graves, F. N. Whaley and S. A. Stanfield.
Kinston, Drury Lacy, D.D.
Danville, John S. Grasty and J. W. Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DOLL, Chairman.

MADISON, N. C., June 6th, 1854.

Reports were received from the Churches as to their care of the poor within their bounds.

Reports were received as to the faithfulness shown by the Ministers of Presbytery in attending to the third chapter of the Directory for public worship.

Rev. James N. Lewis requested that he might be dismissed to Montgomery Presbytery. His request was granted and the Stated Clerk directed to furnish him a certificate thereof, as being in good and regular standing.

Mr. Dan'l T. Towles, having represented that he was laboring entirely within the bounds of the Fayetteville Presbytery, requested that he might be placed under the care of that body. His request was granted and the Stated Clerk directed to furnish him with a suitable testimonial as a licentiate.

At the request of both the parties concerned, the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Stratton and the Church at Washington was dissolved.

At the request of the Rev. James Stratton, the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with letters of dismission to the Charleston Presbytery, he being in good standing with this Presbytery.

Mr. Calvin Morrow, a member of the Church at Bethlehem was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

SPRING HILL, Monday, June 19th, 1854.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of Saturday were read and corrected.

Rev. Edward Hines appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for his tardiness.

Mr. John Amis, Ruling Elder from Shiloh, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Committee appointed to examine the Rev. Mr. Wall's letters of dismission from Winchester Presbytery, reported that although somewhat informal they were not invalid, and therefore recommended that Mr. Wall be received upon the usual examination.

After an examination sufficient to assure the Presbytery of Mr. Wall's soundness in the faith, he was received as a member of Orange Presbytery.

Mr. Calvin Morrow was examined as to his hopes as a christian and as to his intentions and expectations in seeking the Ministry. His examination proving satisfactory, he was received as a candidate for the Ministry of the everlasting gospel under the care of this Presbytery.

Newbern, Clarksville and Madison, were nominated as places suitable for the next regular Session of Presbytery.

Rev. Washington Baird, Superintendent of the operations of the Board of Publication in sundry of the Southern States, being desirous of presenting the objects of his agency to the Presbytery it was ordered that an opportunity be granted to him on Tuesday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Committee appointed to arrange the assessments made for Presbyterial and Synodical expenses made a report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

"The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Church assessments, offer the following report, viz:

Resolved 1*st*, That this Presbytery will hereafter raise annually by assessment on the Churches the sum of 367 dollars, to be called the Presbyterial Fund.

Resolved 2*nd*, Of this fund the Treasurer shall pay annually—

1. To the Contingent Fund of the General Assembly a sum equal to 50 cents for each ordained Minister and each licentiate of this Presbytery.

2. The annual traveling expenses of our Commissioners to the General Assembly.

3. The Contingent expenses of the Presbytery, Salary of the Stated Clerk, Postage, &c.

4. The quota of this Presbytery to the Contingent expenses of Synod, Salary of the Stated Clerk, Postage, Printing of the Minutes, &c.

5. To the Treasurer of Synod one third of the aggregate expenses of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary in traveling to and from the Seminary.

6. For the printing of the Minutes of the Sessions of Presbytery.

Resolved 3*rd*, That this amount be raised by the following assessments, to wit:

1. Grassy Creek,	$8	26. Greensborough,	$16
2. Haw Fields,	14	27. Murfreesborough,	2
3. Red House,	6	28. Harmony,	4
4. Eno,	7	29. Milton,	14
5. Buffalo,	10	30. Danville,	16
6. Nutbush,	7	31. Lexington,	10
7. Gilead,	2	32. Warrenton,	2
8. Speedwell,	3	33. Spring Garden,	8
9. Gum Grove,	2	34. Louisburg,	2
10. Little River,	6	35. Shiloh,	10
11. Alamance,	12	36. Clarkesville,	14
12. Bethesda,	9	37. Fairfield,	7
13. Stony Creek,	5	38. Spring Hill,	4
14. Griers,	6	39. Yanceyville,	12
15. Bethlehem,	7	40. Chapel Hill,	7
16. Cross Roads,	11	41. Snow Creek,	3
17. New Hope,	5	42. Pittsborough,	3
18. Bethel,	7	43. Graham,	5
19. Raleigh,	16	44. Penuil,	5
20. Hillsborough,	12	45. Ashborough,	4
21. Newbern,	16	46. Bethany,	2
22. Oxford,	7	47. Madison,	8
23. Spring Grove,	7		
24. Washington,	16		$367
25. Geneva,	5		

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.) S. A. STANFIELD.

The Committees on Sessional Records made sundry reports which were accepted and adopted.

Presbytery then spent an hour in devotional exercises.

Rev. John A. Scott of West Hanover Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of this Presbytery.

The same invitation was extended to Rev. David W. Scott of the Baptist Church.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the order of the day was taken up and considered, viz: The report of the Committee of Domestic Missions. Several addresses were delivered after the reading of the report, and a collection was made in aid of the funds of this Board.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Book reported that the accounts and vouchers were all in proper order.

The Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Lynch and Mr. Samuel L. Venable were appointed a Committee to confer with and examine such of our candidates as may be present at this Session of Presbytery.

It was determined that the stated Clerk should have three hundred copies of the Minutes of Presbytery printed and distributed to the Churches, and that the funds to pay for the work be taken from the Presbyterial Fund.

An interesting meeting was held at the instance of the Revs. Messrs. Mebane and Stanfield concerning certain matters connected with Union Theological Seminary.

The Agent of Foreign Missions made a verbal report to the effect that he could not, after many attempts, collect any materials whereof to make a report on the cause committed to his care. The Agent also tendered the resignation of his office and it was accepted.

The Church of Bethesda asked and obtained leave to employ Mr. John W. Montgomery as stated supply for the next six months.

Resolved, That the Presbytery will hear the sermon on the subject assigned to Rev. Wm. N. Mebane to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery then adjourned until Tuesday at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

Spring Hill, June 20th, 1854.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of Monday were read and corrected.

The Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was adopted and ordered to be filed away among the papers of the Committee.

Rev. Mr. Wall was directed to declare the Church of Washington vacant.

The call from the Church of Newbern for the pastoral services of the Rev. Mr. Wall was put into his hands, and being accepted, it was ordered that the installation of Mr. Wall take place at the next regular Session of Presbytery:—That the Rev. Dr. Phillips preach the installation sermon; the Rev. Dr. Wilson give the Charge to the pastor; and the Rev. Dr. Lacy give the Charge to the people.

Mr. Wharton having signified his acceptance of the call from the Church of Milton, it was ordered that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Milton on the Friday before the first Sabbath in Ju-

ly to attend to the ordination and installation of Mr. Wharton if the way be open :—That the Rev. Alexander Wilson, D.D., preach the sermon, with the Rev. James Phillips, D.D., as alternate, that the Rev. S. A. Stanfield give the Charge to the pastor, having Rev. E. Mitchell, D.D., as his alternate, and that the Rev. John S. Grasty give the Charge to the people, having the Rev. E. Hines as his alternate.

Newbern was chosen as the place of the next regular meeting of Presbytery on Wednesday, December 6th, 1854, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That the Committee of Domestic Missions have leave to increase the quota paid to Missionaries within our bounds, so that they be sufficiently well supported. And that in this matter they be guided by their own sound discretion.

The Treasurer presented a list of the Churches which at the time were delinquent with respect to the Presbyterial assessments.

At 10 o'clock the Presbytery attended to the order of the day. After an address from the Rev. Mr. Baird, it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Presbytery heartily approves of the plan proposed by the Agent of the Board of Publication and recommends all its Churches to procure a complete set of the books of the Board, for their own use, as speedily as possible.

It was ordered that the Treasurer of Presbytery pay over to the Agent of the Board of Publication such moneys as he may have on hand belonging to that Board.

The Committee on the examination of candidates reported, having had a conference with some of them, and that Presbytery recommend to Mr. Morrow to make further progress in his literary and scientific course.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the citizens around about Spring Hill, for the kindness and hospitality with which they have received and entertained the members of this Presbytery, and to the Baptist Church at Black Walnut for the use of their house of worship, and that Rev. Messrs. Stanfield and Scott be requested to publish this resolution from their respective pulpits.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Milton, N. C., on the Friday before the first Sabbath in July, 1854. Closed with prayer.

J. DOLL, Stated Clerk.

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